(c) An amount of Rs. 103.00 lakhs has been released to the Government of Rajasthan during 1994-95 under Central Road Fund. It is too early to indicate the proposed funds to be released during the year 1995-96.

Subsidy for fixing catalytic convertor in vehicles in Delhi

3801. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government to provide subsidy for fixing catalytic convertors in vehicles in Delhi to check the level of pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to provide subsidy for the same; and

(d) if so, by when and how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Auditing of accounts of National Institute of Port Management by Private Agency

3802. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the National Institute of Port Management set up under the aegis of Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India, accounts are being audited annually by private Chartered Accountants; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons to carry out the auditing by an outside private agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) Madras was set up on 1st February 1985 as an autonomous Society, registered under the Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act (1975), with a view to imparting training to managerial personnel of Major Ports and other organisations interfacing with Ports. A sum of Rs. 6 crores was granted by the Government to the Institute, for construction of building and other accessories, as one-time grant. It was, therefore; decided that the accounts of the Institute may be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for a period of 5 years, commencing from the year 1991-92. The question of the year 1991.92. The question of further entrusting the audit of Accounts of the Institute to C&AG was examined in consultation with the Department of Economic Affairs and it was decided that auditing of the Accounts of NIPM by the C&AG may be discontinued for the year 1992-93. Hence the Accounts for the year 1992-93 onwards are being got audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants.

Shortage of containers at Ports

3803 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Container Shortage hits Southern Ports", which appeared in Business Line dated the 4th March, 1995;